

Winnebago County Board
Legislative & Lobbying Committee Meeting
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Conference Room 510
Rockford, IL 61101

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
5:30 PM

Present:

Jaime Salgado, **Chairperson**
Paul Arena
Aaron Booker
Valerie Hanserd
Tim Nabors

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Marlana Dokken, Director, Chairperson's Office of Criminal
Justice Initiatives
Hope Edwards, Director, Purchasing
Melinda Macias, Purchasing Specialist, Purchasing

Absent:

John Penney
John F. Sweeney

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval October 3, 2023 Minutes
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Legislative and Lobbying Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. State Lobbyist RFQ Responses – Discussion
- F. Strategic Funding Priorities – Discussion
- G. Future Agenda Items
- H. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Salgado called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Roll Call

Chairperson Salgado yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. Booker yes, Mr. Nabors yes, Ms. Hanserd yes.

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to allow Mr. Penney to participate via Zoom.

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Booker.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of October 3, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Mr. Booker. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Chairperson Salgado called for any comments or discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Salgado omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

State Lobbyist RFQ Responses – Discussion

Discussion took place on the four RFQ's that were received by the bid deadline.

- A discussion followed.

Discussion took place on scheduling Lobbyist interviews, Friday, December 15, 2023 before the Legislative session begins January 8, 2024.

- A discussion followed.

Discussion took place on the cost of the State Lobbyists.

- A discussion followed.

Strategic Funding Priorities – Discussion

A Strategic Action Plan for 2024 is being created to have the portfolio ready for upcoming grants. A list of funding requests will be distributed to committee members.

- A discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items

- Develop Legislative Agendas for upcoming trips to Washington, DC.
- Coordinate with Mercury to schedule trips to Washington, DC to meet with Legislators.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Booker. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant